

CSLPS Leadership Council Meeting Minutes for October 22, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:38 P.M.

INVOCATION: Reverend Vince Kueffner gave the invocation.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rev. Eunice Chalfant, Karla Dunning, Rev. Vince Kueffner, Mariann (Annie) Meeks, Mitch Allcorn, Thea Brigham, and Debbie Blair
Guest: Cindy Lee Avillanoza, Recording Secretary; Tim Coates, Member and Practitioner

VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT:

All members read the CSLPS Leadership Council Mission and Vision Statement together.

VISION: Inspired, Conscious Leadership

MISSION: Ensuring the health and vibrancy of our ever-expanding spiritual community

CHECK IN: Everyone checked in.

SECRETARY'S REPORT/MINUTES: The September 2023 Leadership Council Minutes were approved without correction.

Parking Lot:

- Mitch and Tim Coates gave the status review of the project. Mitch previously shared videos with the Council of the contractor's work. The CSLPS parking lot will have 4 inches of concrete/cement with 10 X 10 scoring to keep from cracking. Construction will take 3 weeks with the removal of asphalt, grading, gravel, etc. and to bring the parking lot up to ADA current compliance standards. We need to determine a block of 3 days that would be best for when the parking lot cannot be used. The cost to start is \$10,000. No city permit is required. Total cost will be around \$145,000. Mitch to call 4 references on the contractor.
- Annie stated the bank has all the necessary paperwork for our loan. Typically, it takes 30 days to process. They need an appraisal of the property. We are getting the loan for \$200,000 to have additional funds available for the Center. Documents were signed by the Council to open an account at Mechanics. We will open it with a \$10,000.00 deposit. Lee will need to work on a list of monthly invoices on autopay to give to the bank to set-up.
- Electric vehicle fast charging stations were again discussed. It could be a money maker for the future with the continued transition to hybrids and electric cars. The cost is \$60,000 each. There was a discussion on how long it would take to get a return on the investment. Also, solar panels are currently not helping us save money. So Cal Edison bills are upwards of \$500.00 with very little solar credit. Annie stated she would help Mitch look into this. The fast-charging stations charge \$20.00 for 100 miles. It supports the goals for the environment. There was discussion that the Council should look at it, but not tie it to the loan. It is something that could be added later. We need to focus on the Capital Campaign to pay off the loan first.
- The Council reached an agreement to sign the contract and give the deposit of \$10,000 to hold the price quote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The financial report was presented by Rev. Vince Kueffner.

- For the period ending September 30, 2023, Center for Spiritual Living (CSLPS) had a Net Operating Revenue of (-\$2393.86) Loss on a Gross Profit of \$11,782.05 against Total expenditures of \$14,175.91. This compared negatively to August 31, 2023, when the Center's Net Operating revenue was (- \$2342.85) Loss.
- YTD net operating revenue is \$1,497.85.
- Total offering income for September 2023 was \$11,446.46 compared to August, 2023 of \$8,803.46. YTD offering income is \$117,713.40.
- As of September 30, 2023, Bank of America checking Account balance was \$35,901.89 and the Savings account Balance was \$14,489.86.
- Rev. Vince again discussed the necessity of the stock options, and questioned if Mechanics Bank has that. He suggested that once we have it, "advertise" it in the weekly e-newsletter.

The Treasurer's report was accepted and blessed with gratitude.

Senior Minister's Report: Rev. Eunice Chalfant gave the Senior Minister's Report

Parking Lot- We received another \$500 from the Independent Religious Science Church in Big Bear Lake. Jenny Malloy's son sent a \$5,000 check in gratitude for her Celebration of Life Service. This was placed into the P & L under "Gifts" rather than deposited into savings for the parking lot. If the Council wants to add this to the Parking lot, we can agree to do this. We need to start the Capital Campaign for the parking lot soon.

Website- Need to reactive this team in the Fall.

Monthly Visioning-Next meeting is October 30th at 6:00 PM. It would be good to have the Council Members there to anchor this.

Mystery Dinner- Coming along nicely. Need to promote the event more to sell tickets.

Fall Calendar- The calendar is incredibly Full! The Team Leader gathering was postponed. Karla brought up that the schedule was too busy, and others agreed. We need more balance. What are our priorities? What is our goal/purpose? We need to find more balance and rethink about the Soul of our Center. What do people need from this Center? Activities, classes, worship??? We need to get back to redoing the Survey again. Annie brought up that we need more help. It was discussed that the Practitioners are not really involved, just the same few. Rev. Eunice stated that she is requiring more in person presence at both Sunday Service and the major activities. This policy had been relaxed during the pandemic.

Pride Parade- Billy and River are doing a fantastic job of organizing the event! Service will be held Saturday evening at 4 PM instead of Sunday, so that anyone who wants to walk and attend the Parade can do so.

Prosperity Now- A mailing went out at the beginning of the month to 200 people. The goal for 2024 is \$135,000. This will be the last time we run this program. It's time to introduce a new Prosperity Program that is less time-consuming.

CSL Annual Report- This was completed. Rev. Eunice is reviewing all license requirements for the Practitioners and Ministers of CSLPS.

Ecclesiastical Core Report:

Practitioner Core-As noted above, there will be more emphasis placed on attendance and supporting our community.

Pastoral Care Team- Both congregants who had surgery are healing nicely. No new hospitalizations.

Community Connectors Team- No change. Still looking for two co-leaders.

Music Team- The choir is rehearsing. It's exciting to have this addition to our musical offerings.

Education Ministry-Classes to start up after the first of the year.

Community Outreach- No change.

Vision Core- Now being held on the last Monday of the month at 6 PM.

Business Ministry- No Update yet.

Youth and Family Ministry- No update.

Animals and Friends Ministry-No update.

Rainbow Alliance- No update.

The Senior Minister's and Ecclesiastical Reports were accepted.

Core Reports

Logistics-Rev. G is on vacation. All Fall events are already discussed.

Volunteers- Thea had been out sick. Needs to check in with everyone and update the volunteer list. Hasn't heard of any concerns.

Operations- Mitch gave the report. He was gone for a couple of weeks also. Still no call backs from Renova, despite his leaving over 15 messages. We need to know what the output is from our solar panels. Annie to help Mitch with this.

The contractor bid is good until November 4th. We must sign before that, so we do not lose the price. Most companies will only install a minimum of 4 charging stations. At \$60,000 each, this seems out of our budget.

Ongoing: Go to SCE and discuss the bill and why were changed over to desert Community energy.

Ongoing: Get the palm trees trimmed- \$850.00. Approved.

Ongoing: Put up back lights to deter people from wandering around in the back of the center.

New water filter installed in the kitchen sink and other maintenance fixes as needed.

Stewardship/Development: Covered previously.

All Core Reports were accepted.

New Business:

- **Production Procedures** for recording the Sunday offerings was reviewed by Lee.
- **Pride Parade Update:** Annie brought up that a van would be available to usher people over to the parade from the Center. It will cost \$250. People to meet at 8:30 AM. The parade starts at 10:00 AM. Billy and River plan to buy \$500 worth of T-shirts. The Council agreed to fund it.
- **Updating of décor in Foyer-** CSL will purchase a matching credenza to the one gifted by Annie and Laura. The Prac wall and utility box to be painted by Roberta Rodriguez.
- **Mystery Dinner Planning Update-** Annie stated the target was 60 people. There will be raffle prizes equating to \$3,000.00 given throughout the show.
- **Parking Lot-** Already discussed.

Old Business:

- Capital Funds Program for the Parking Lot
- Update on Marketing Committee Formation.

BENEDICTION: The benediction was said together.

The Light of God Surrounds Us

The Love of God Enfolds Us
The Power of God Protects Us
The Presence of God Is Within Us
Wherever We Are, GOD IS
And All is Well.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Lee Avillanoza, Recording Secretary